Dear Paul, Re Army Intel 112th and your 7/4/79 9/2/79

As soon as she could after we got your letter Rae did the checking that is possible. It is part of a large stack I've just been able to get to. She be here tomorrow and if she can think of anything I've omitted I'll add it.

I'm unclear on whether I sent you all of 2381. If I did not it can be retrieved from my 112th subject file easier than the Sections. I thought I did and it all. All four are Army TTs, 2381 dated in FBI worksheets as 11/25/63, 2381A as 11/26, 2381B as 11/22 and 2381C as 11/22.

I'll also have Rae check the inventory worksheets to see if the 2381 Serial is as of the period in question. I don't remember now but the Serial numbers do appear to be high from what I recall of that 11/63 time. Here it would be 2381 that is what to go by from my prior observation. I've found 1977 insertions in records of 1963 date by adding the letter but not by the original number.

There is a bit more. I have no reason to believe that Fred Newcomb was working on this but he did make further efforts with the Powell picture, through an attorney, Dennis O. Ray, 1/30/76. If there is a subsequent record I did not spot it. This said that they believe it shows to figures where only Oswald was supposed to be and that Roy would get in touch again. Referred to Gen. Inv. Div.

There is a N.O. 11/26/63 record reporting that Major Robert H. Erdrich went to the field office to report that their people had gotten an Oswald leaflet from a Tulane wall in late May or early June 1963, had picked some up on Canal and on the property of the Port of Embarkation and had sent photos of all to Wash HQ. *

The 2381 stuff was among the referrals I did receive at about the time I sent you copies. They then promised that I'd hear soon about other referrals but I've had no word since.

* No date provided. Referred to as "later." That the POE was later would be new to me. Canal St. is what I'd expect from my own investigations. It appears that only a short time prior to the Bringuier fracas did LHO transfer his activities to that particular area. He then was much more active than the FBI records indicate.

Please keep me posted on your request for the N.O. anti-Castro activity records, which I think I also asked for because it does not really belong in that file.

Golz is going slowly on the Idt. Dist. business. He has had the Doyle film for some time, the Martin film and the various reports I sent for longer, and I've been expecting the story for weeks. Last word is that the Doyle film as I got it from the FBI can't be the original, that sequences are not in proper order, and that there is other ground for suspicion. He has sent my copy to Doyle for Doyle's protection so Doyle can let Groden examine his copy. As of a week ago Groden had not received it. From the reports there is no question but that LHO had an associate other than Steele. If not more than one.

For the past week there appears to be more impairment of the blood supply to the head. I'm less steady and more inclined to dizziness, so if any of this is unclear let me know. For these reasons I'm not using the stairs before all is up and besides, Rae can check these things better because she has set the files up. I think that by now we have made a complete set of Inventory duplicates and have them located near the document index, with space for the subject index that is being processed. (You and later others should understand clearly that the total lack of support in these efforts combined with my age and the state of my health will probably limit what will be available because I don't now do all the work and press all the necessary appeals and I don't know how long we'll be able to have Rae's help. When I read that Dick Gregory claims he has spent more than $800,000 in his efforts I get sicker because they all were counter-productive and so much could have been done with so much less money!) Best,

July 4, 1979

Dear Harold,

This is about the Army documents you sent with your letter of 6/10. I'll keep this confidential, as you requested, but I hope you'll release this stuff soon, so that various people can think about how to follow it up.

What is most interesting to me is that these are documents which the Army later destroyed. As I understand it, these copies were initially withheld by the FBI, for referral to the Army, and were sent to you just recently. Therefore, the context is not clear. When did the FBI get them? Specifically, what else is in 89-43-2381?? 11/22-26/63

The pages you sent are labeled 2381A through 2381C. I would have guessed from the high numbers that they were not given to the FBI in 1963. When did the FBI get them, when and how? The FBI stamp is early December (3 or 8), 1963. So, why the '2381' number - did they have that many serials by then?

If you can't have your files checked on this, I hope you can let me pass this on to Bob Ranftel, so he can check the FBI's copies.

The pre-assassination (allegedly) phone call to the Silver Dollar war room is new to me. (And how did the Dallas Police know about it by Nov. 26?) If it wasn't the Army involved, I would just write it off as a bizarre coincidence. But maybe it isn't.

In 2381B, what is new is that one of the men allegedly spotted sighting in a rifle on 11/20 fit Oswald's description, and that he had a car fitting the description of the car Oswald was driving!!!! That makes the whole silly story a bit more serious. (The implication is that there was a conspirator with Oswald.) As the story about the men sighting the rifle came out in the earlier FBI release, there was no attempt to link it with Oswald, and it seemed unimportant. (I agree with you that the AIB shouldn't have made a fuss over it.)

2381C generally overlaps with the information from Stringfellow in the 11/22 message to the U.S. Strike Command which you asked about. (Copy enclosed; see graf 9. This is item 1F in the Miscellaneous Records released at the Archives in 1973.) The big difference is that, at 5:15 on the 22nd, Stringfellow told the Army that Oswald had confessed to both murders! (On top of all the other false information.)

I don't think the paragraph in this memo about how Mamantov got to be the translator adds any new details, but it does confirm the story, and it's interesting to have the contemporaneous record.

The activity reflected in these pages strikes me as extremely sinister, and if there is any way of finding related FBI documents in their Dallas file, it's worth the effort.

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Sincerely,

Pete

1/30/76 Dennis O. Ray asked FBI for newcomer about Powell picture

11/20/63 NO. Maj Robert H ERDRICH, III Th, told FBI they got LHO leaflet from Tulane wall Carrick May or 1st June 1963. They also later found copies on Carrick St + on grounds by PUEB, no date. Not photos in their DC HQ